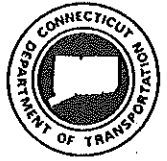




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Proposed H.B. 5551 – An Act Concerning a Study of Traffic Congestion on Interstate 84 in Waterbury.

Over the past several years, Interstate 84 (I-84) from interchange 27 (Interstate 691) to interchange 25 (Austin Road) has undergone major construction improvements. These improvements include additional mainline capacity and interchange realignments. The section of I-84 from interchange 25 to 23 is in final design and will also add mainline capacity. Interchanges in this section that add to the congestion problems, will be redesigned to eliminate current weaving issues.

Additionally, a comprehensive study was completed in 2010 for this entire corridor that includes the I-84/Route 8 Interchange. The complete study along with several appendices can be found at the following link:

http://www.ct.gov/dot/lib/dot/documents/dpolicy/WINS/WINScoverpage_nov2010.pdf

Statewide traffic volumes have remained relatively the same and in some instances have declined since 2008. The Department of Transportation does not believe it is necessary to fund another study at this time which would likely yield the same results as the 2010 study. Further, additional funds would need to be appropriated to undertake any type of study.

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